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Applicant Grant Maria  
Serial No. 09/804,484  
For: Composition For Treating Diabetic Retinopathy and Methods of  
Using Same  
Docket No UF-10287  
Commissioner for Patents

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131

I, Maria Grant, am the true and only inventor in the above-captioned application. I understand that the Patent Office has cited an Abstract in the Diabetes Conference Abstract Book, (Diabetes, Vol 48, Suppl. 1, pages A155-156) as prior art in the office action dated May 22, 2003. I conceived of the invention as claimed in the above-captioned application before the submission date of this cited abstract.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information in belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements in the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under '1001 of title 18 of the U.S.C. and that such willful false statements made jeopardize the validity of the application or of any patent issuing thereon.

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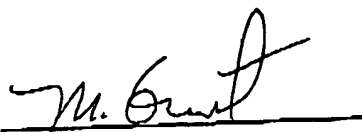
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Further declarant sayeth naught.



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